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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Francisco – Google Uncovers Russian-Bought Ads on YouTube, Gmail, and Other Platforms

(U) Google for the first time has uncovered evidence that Russian operatives exploited the company's platforms to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. The Silicon Valley giant has found that tens of thousands of dollars were spent on ads by Russian agents who aimed to spread disinformation across Google's many products, which include YouTube, as well as advertising associated with Google search, Gmail, and the company's DoubleClick ad network. The ads do not appear to be from the same Kremlin-affiliated "troll farm" that bought ads on Facebook—a sign that the Russian effort to spread disinformation online may be a much broader problem than Silicon Valley companies have unearthed so far.

SOURCE: 9 October 2017, [Washington Post](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – ICE Director Signals Arrests Over New Sanctuary Law

(U) Washington – On 6 October, acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Thomas Homan said in a statement his agents "will have no choice" but to conduct workplace and neighborhood immigration raids considering California's new sanctuary law. Director Homan said that California Gov. Jerry Brown's decision to sign the law, SB54, would undermine public safety and hinder ICE from performing its federally mandated mission. Under California's new law, state and local police will have major restrictions in how and when they can collaborate with federal agents on immigration investigations and arrests. One notable provision in the law is it prohibits so-called immigration holds, requests from ICE to local authorities to hold a prisoner or detainee longer than the constitutionally mandated period.

SOURCE: 6 October 2017, [The Hill](#)

#### (U) New York – ISIS Sympathizers Planned Attacks on Concerts, Subways, and Times Square

(U) New York City – Three men living outside the US planned to attack concerts, Times Square, and crowded subways in an ISIS-inspired attack in 2016, the FBI announced on 6 October. The FBI said the three men—Abdulrahman El Bahnasawy, a 19-year-old Canadian citizen; Talha Haroon, a 19-year-old US citizen based in Pakistan; and Russell Salic, a 37-year-old orthopedic surgeon in the Philippines—allegedly used chat apps to talk about bringing a car bomb into the Crossroads of the World, gunning down subway riders before detonating vests, and opening fire on concertgoers, like the Paris terror attacks of 2015. FBI and NYPD officials added that the plot was more aspirational than operational.

SOURCE: 7 October 2017, [NBC New York](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Italy – Brother of Marseille Attacker Arrested

(U) Rome – Italian police said yesterday they had arrested the brother of Anis Hannachi, the Tunisian man who killed two young women with a knife outside the Marseille train station a week ago in a

suspected terrorist act. An Italian anti-terrorism squad arrested 25-year-old Ahmed Hannachi in Ferrara, Italy, yesterday evening on an international warrant issued by France, according to a police statement. After what Italian police described as a very complex investigation, Ahmed Hannachi was tracked down in Italy and is being held on suspicion of complicity in his brother's attack and membership in a terrorist group. No other information was provided about the operation, which was coordinated with French judicial and anti-terrorism authorities, the statement said.

SOURCE: 8 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Portugal – Huge Cocaine Haul Seized in Tugboat in Atlantic**

(U) Madeira and Azores Islands – Nearly four tons of cocaine worth an estimated \$260 million were seized last week by international law enforcement officers in the Atlantic. The drugs were found on a boat between Portugal's Madeira and Azores islands, which contained 165 individual packages of cocaine concealed beneath the vessel's cooking area. It is not clear where the drugs were being taken to. The crew, hailing from Turkey and Azerbaijan, were arrested. The operation was jointly conducted by Spanish customs and police and the UK's National Crime Agency under the overall coordination of the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre-Narcotics (MAOC-N) in Lisbon.

SOURCE: 7 October 2017, [BBC](#)

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